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HOSTILE AIRSHIPS APPROACH LONDON IN RAID; 8 KILLED

Bombs Are Dropped at Many Points on Coast and Along Thames River—Official Report Says That Material Damage Was Slight—Anti-Aircraft Batteries Brought Into Action, and British Aeroplanes Pursue Raiders.

London, Aug. 25.—Zeppelin raiders were near London in an attack, early this morning, on the east and southeast coast of England.

Official statements from the war office say that eight persons were killed and 36 injured by bombs.

Anti-aircraft guns engaged the raiders at several points. One airship, going in pursuit of the Zeppelins, got a close shot at the raider, but the damage was not serious.

A Central News despatch says there was great excitement in a town of the Thames estuary at 1 o'clock this morning when the news was received of the approach of a Zeppelin. Mist obscured the raiders, but it could be heard approaching rapidly from the coast. After hovering over the town for some time it passed toward the west. Shortly afterwards a series of violent explosions, followed by cannonading, shook buildings and lighted the sky. The people thronged the streets, calmly watching these operations, which lasted for half an hour.

The official announcement states: "Six hostile airships raided the east and southeast coast of England last night at intervals between midnight and 8 o'clock this morning. One airship made her way westward well inland. The remainder of the fleet carried short incursions over the coast. The number of bombs dropped by the raiders has not yet been ascertained. Several bombs are reported to have directed at ships at sea. The damage effected by the raid was slight."

"In one locality, a railway station and some houses were damaged and two horses were killed. At another point, two houses were wrecked. The total casualties have not yet been reported. To date, eight are reported killed and 36 are reported injured, some fatally."

"Anti-aircraft guns came into action at certain points both on land and from ships at sea. Some of our airships went up in pursuit. One succeeded in firing on a raider at close range but she eluded her pursuers in the clouds."

**TERRIFIC FIGHTING
ALONG FRENCH FRONT**

With the British Armies in France, August 24, via London, Aug. 25.—There has been murderous work on both flanks in the Somme region where, with the exception of the British progress, the fighting seems to become more bitter and the artillery fire hotter. The repulse last night

will allow the use of centrally-located quarters for the clinic, free of charge. Such quarters are being sought now. Fairfield, Stratford, Trumbull and other towns may send their cases here for treatment.

Dr. Sopher declared at the meeting that he thinks the epidemic is on the wane. He said a slight flurry may be expected, and after that the epidemic should die out. "The situation looks brighter and brighter every day," he said.

Rumors to the effect that Dr. E. A. McEllan may be supplanted as health officer were declared baseless today by Dr. Sopher. "Dr. McEllan has done very good work," he said, "and there will be plenty more for him to do, even after we get the associate health officer."

"None of our plans embrace the idea of removing Dr. McEllan. He will be given help so that much more may be accomplished."

Dr. Sopher said he received several recommendations from Boston for the associate health officer's job.

Dr. A. C. Knapp, now milk and meat inspector, who has been working half time for the city, will be sent to the new slaughter house when it is ready. He will be assigned to meat inspection entirely, watching the meat before and after slaughtering. He has been so busy, Dr. Sopher said, that efficient milk inspection has been impossible. The meat inspection now is inadequate, he said.

Money has been arranged for by the mayor, for the salary of a supervising milk inspector, who will relieve Dr. Knapp of this branch of his work. The man who is expected to get the job is now connected with the Department of Agriculture.

Mayor Wilson received a recommendation from the health board that a city hospital be provided for as soon as possible. It was suggested that the institution could be expanded into a general hospital if necessary. A bond issue may be asked in November.

At the meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon, resolutions were adopted that after Nov. 3 no raw milk may be sold except in bottles. April 3 was set as the date

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BOTH SIDES IN R.R. WAR STAND FIRM

Employees and Executives of Railway Systems Called to White House For Further Conferences With President.

Men Say They're Unchanged in Attitude Toward Wilson's Plan For Settlement—Executives Silent on Outlook.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The railway strike negotiations resolved themselves today, outwardly at least, into a more or less confused state.

Expressions of optimism from both sides were not so free as they were yesterday and feeling heretofore general among the managers that a plan to include the eight-hour day would be found was not so evident. Some of the railway executives reverted to their prediction that it never would be conceded. The executives were to meet the president this afternoon.

President Wilson kept his cabinet waiting an hour while he conferred with the four brotherhood heads. All parties to the conference steadfastly declined to say what was talked about.

The four brotherhood heads said on entering the White House that they did not know why they had been called by the President. It was understood President Wilson wanted to get their views on legislation under consideration to prevent controversy in the future.

The railroad heads remained with the President an hour and a half but would make no statement on leaving. President kept the cabinet waiting for an hour to continue his conference with the railroad men.

"The situation, insofar as we are concerned," A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the men, said, "is absolutely unchanged. No complete, concrete proposition to which the railroads will agree has been tendered. Our position is exactly the same as it was when we accepted the President's plan. We have deviated from it in no way whatsoever."

The brotherhood leaders went from the White House to a meeting of the men but insisted they had nothing particular to communicate.

W. G. Lee, of the trainmen, gave out copies of an order which he said had been sent by the Northern Pacific to station agents directing them to get local interests to send telegraphic protests to President Wilson against settling the controversy by other means than arbitration. The telegram, Mr. Lee declared, were to be paid for by the railroad and were evidence of what the men characterized as a propaganda against the President's plan.

**"KIND STRANGER"
ROBS WATERBURY
MAN IN EAST END**

Lured to Old Mill Green last night by a young man who promised to find a room for him, John Foster, 50 years old of 21 Judge street, Waterbury, was held up with a pistol, blackjacked and then robbed of \$35. When he recovered his senses he made his way to the second precinct police station and made complaint but could only give a meager description of his assailant.

Coming to this city last night from the Brass City, Foster went to the Atlantic hotel and asked for a room but was told that all the rooms in the hotel had been taken and he could not be accommodated. He then went into the bar room and while there met a young man attired in a gray suit. After having several drinks, he told the young man of his inability to procure a room for the night and his acquaintance said that he could get a room for him.

In company with the stranger, Foster left the hotel and the pair walked up East Main street. At Old Mill Green, another man apparently under the influence of liquor met them and walked across the green in company with them. Suddenly he lurched ahead of Foster and drawing a revolver, cautioned Foster to remain silent.

The other man then struck Foster over the head with a billy, knocking him unconscious. After rifling his pockets they left him on the ground, taking with them Foster's cash of \$35 and his watch. In crossing the park they dropped the watch and it was later recovered.

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SAY BREMEN WAS CAUGHT NEAR DOVER

Officers of Merchant Ship in New York Report That Undersea Freighter is Captive and Her Crew Taken Prisoners.

North German Lloyd Liner Awaits Arrival of Submersible at New London Pier—Deutschland Ready to Start Here Again.

New York, Aug. 25.—The New York City News Association quotes "an officer of the British merchant marine" who arrived here today aboard the White Star Steamship Baltic, as authority for the statement that the German submarine Bremen has been captured by the British and 33 of her crew of 35 made prisoners of war.

The Bremen, according to the account, was captured in the Straits of Dover in a steel net, on August 2. The other two members of the Bremen's crew lost their lives.

The submarine, while enmeshed in the net, was sighted by a British patrol boat, her stern under water and her bow high above the surface. After endeavoring for a time to extricate the wreck from the net, the patrol boat steamed away for Dover with her prisoners.

According to the officer quoted, the British government has maintained silence in regard to the capture as another German trans-Atlantic submarine, the Amerika, was said to be on the way here and it was hoped to capture her also.

Williehad at New London
New London, Aug. 25.—The German steamer Williehad, which was interned at Boston at the outbreak of the European war, and which sailed from Boston yesterday by way of the Cape Cod canal, arrived here this morning. Having passed into Long Island Sound shortly before 9 o'clock.

Heavy fog held up the steamer during the night, but the weather cleared at daybreak and the Williehad proceeded here and came directly up the harbor to the new state pier on which a cargo storage shed of the Eastern Forwarding Co., the American agency for the German line of submarines, is located.

It is expected the Williehad will tie up there for an indefinite period of time.

The big German boat was able to dock at the state pier without the assistance of a tug. She turned around in the river and back to her moorings without the slightest difficulty and Captain Jachens declared:

"Your harbor is magnificent. I cannot say too much in praise of it."

When asked what he had come here for, the German commander loquaciously replied:

"Orders."

The steamer was tied up at the wharf at 9:57. Captain Jachens says the Willie had anchored Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and remained her trip to this harbor this morning.

Deutschland Ready Again
Berlin, Aug. 25.—Preparations for another voyage of the submarine Deutschland to the United States are well under way. The amount of cargo now ready to be loaded is larger than had been expected, the Overseas Agency says. All the members of the crew have agreed to sign for the next voyage.

**Germany is Ready
For Commerce Race**

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Germany is now ready for the competition on the sea which will take place after the war, declares Philipp Heineken, director of the North German Lloyd steamship line, in an interview in the Politikon today. Every ship destroyed during the war has been replaced, he said, and the North German Lloyd line has built four new passenger steamers which have been named the Zeppelin, Hindenburg, Kolumbus and Muenchen. The company, he added, also intends to build a large number of freight steamers of a uniform type in order that when the war is over the company may send out a swarm of steamers with great rapidity.

The submarines Deutschland and Bremen, said Herr Heineken, would not be used after the war, as the cost of their operation was too great.

**Capt. Witherwax
Leaves Estate To
Sister, Matilda**

In his will, admitted to probate today, Capt. Theodore Witherwax leaves his entire estate, estimated between \$8,000 and \$9,000, to his sister, Matilda S. Witherwax. He also names her as executrix of his will without bond. The captain who was a widely known steamboat captain, died here on August 20, 1916. The will was drawn June 15, 1916. William H. Gould and B. F. Cooney were named appraisers. The estate consists of property in South avenue and cash in banks.

**Morris-Morman Fight
Is Ordered Stopped**

Oklahoma City, Aug. 25.—Attorney General Freeling today issued instructions to the sheriff, county attorney and mayor of Tulsa not to allow the Morris-Morman fight advertised for Labor Day to take place. According to the attorney-general the fight would be in direct violation of state laws.

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Saturday; light west winds.

AUTOMOBILES WILL BE CHIEF OUTPUT OF REMINGTON PLANT WHEN MUNITION CALL CEASES

FARMERS WANT ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP PLEDGE

Market Gardeners Assert City Fathers Are Not Protecting Them.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE TO MEET OFFICIALS

Claim is Made That Favored Few Are Allowed to Sell Produce in Street.

Claiming that administration promises have not been kept after the establishment of a market-place in this city, when the city officials tried the scheme and lamentably failed on that of its inception, the Bridgeport Farmers' Alliance have protested to the city officials and at a conference to be held next Monday will air their grievances.

At the meeting will be Mayor Wilson, President Stanley of the police board and Lieut. Charles Wheeler in charge of traffic, representing the city, and Patrick Callahan, Peter Aldo, Herbert Sniffin and George E. Chamberlain, representing the garden-truck growers of this section.

The situation which has become tense in this city owing to alleged outside interference of vegetable speculation resulting in a vote of the association being taken to prevent the association from being taken to the city hall, before application was made to the superior court Mayor Wilson consented to hear the grievances of the organization against what is termed "inadequate police protection."

As outlined by Louis Aldo, a well known vegetable grower of this city, superintendent of the market on a lot owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at the corner of Wall and Water streets, the situation is this:

The situation attempted over a year ago to establish market places for gardeners in Bridgeport. Several lots were laid aside for the purpose. On the opening day only one peddler put in an appearance to sell his produce.

From all sections of Fairfield county farmers and truckmen have come to Bridgeport during the early morning hours and in many instances their teams have been a source of traffic obstruction on Main street and elsewhere.

It was recently proposed by the mayor that if the farmers would form an association and hire a lot they would be given police protection. The proposition was accepted and the lot taken from the New Haven road at an expense of about \$125 per month. Members, now numbering more than 45 were required to pay \$5 per annum or 50 cents for every team driven on the lot. The officers of the alliance are Herbert Sniffin, president; T. W. Ryan, Stratford, treasurer; H. F. Boers, Fairfield, secretary. Other prominent farmers from Bridgeport and the surrounding towns belonging to the organization are Arnold Hull, Edward Pease, Fred Jennings, Howard Martin, George B. Wheeler, W. A. Bulkeley, Arthur W. Taylor, Fred R. Wilcox, William Dorey, J. Lahdell, Charles Kane, Michael Robstock, J. W. Ward.

The plan worked extremely well. The only restriction was that each vendor must be an actual producer. It is alleged that when the scheme was found to be successful, a coterie of local peddlers, strong in votes, came upon the lot. When it was found that they were merely speculating, their fees were refused and they were asked to vacate the premises.

This they refused to do, and it is said by the association officers that police privilege was given them to hawk from their carts in front of the property in violation of the ordinances and against the express promise of Mayor Wilson.

Several minor fights have marked the discord which today resulted in conference with an attorney looking towards the application for an injunction restraining the opposition from peddling goods in front of the premises hired by the association. This step was postponed upon the arrangement of a meeting with the city officials.

The police version of the affair, as outlined by Lieut. Wheeler, is to the effect that the association members have attempted to restrict trade by formulating high prices for the product which speculators can truck from New Haven and sell cheaper.

This statement in turn is offset by explanation that the cheaper goods are also cheaper in quality.

**Washburn Defeats
Armstrong on Court**

Southampton, N. Y., Aug. 25.—In the semi-final round of the Meadow club tennis tournament here today Watson M. Washburn, former Bridgeport champion and member of the Brooklawn club, defeated Joseph J. Armstrong, Philadelphia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. The match was hard fought, but Washburn finished stronger than his opponent.

Girl of 17 a Victim.
Gloversville, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Miss Helen Burr, 17 years old, student of Wellesley College, died today at Fultonville of infantile paralysis. She was ill only a few hours. Miss Burr reached Fultonville from Weesay a week ago.

DEMOCRATS SEE PARTY VICTORY IN CONNECTICUT

Local State Committeemen Are Enthusiastic at Fall Prospect.

ORGANIZATION PLAN WILL HELP GREATLY

Permanent Bureau in Charge of Organizer To Be Maintained.

Enthusiastic over the campaign prospects in Connecticut, Bridgeport's three members of the Democratic State Central Committee, returned last evening from Morris Cove, where they attended what all termed "the best committee meeting ever held by the Democratic state organization." The Bridgeport committeemen, Assessors William F. Russell, former Alderman Patrick H. Brady and Michael J. Clabby, today expressed complete satisfaction with the outlook as reported by representatives from all parts of the state.

"Everything looks rosy for a Democratic victory in this state," said Mr. Russell. "I never before witnessed such enthusiasm at a Democratic gathering as was evinced at yesterday's meeting. Everybody is working to perfect an organization that will aid in rolling up a big vote for President Wilson and the state Democratic ticket."

Mr. Russell was much pleased with the plan, approved by the committee, for the establishment of an organization bureau in charge of a permanent secretary. The secretary will act as a state organizer and give special attention to the formation of Democratic clubs in various towns.

National Committeeman Homer E. Cummings, State Chairman David E. Fitzgerald and State Secretary P. B. O'Sullivan, were named a committee to select the organizer who will be paid \$2,500 a year.

"It was a revelation to a lot of Democrats, the harmony and enthusiasm that marked the meeting," said Committeeman P. H. Brady today. "Especially interesting was Mr. Cummings' remarks on the outlook nationally, while the reports from various committeemen showed that Democrats of Connecticut are evincing a lively interest in the campaign just beginning."

Judging from the talk I heard yesterday and the enthusiasm that was so markedly manifest, there is little doubt in my mind that Connecticut will be found in the Democratic column this year."

Committeeman M. J. Clabby was equally pleased with the prospects as reported to the meeting.

"It was the best meeting I ever attended as a state central committeeman," he said. "There was real enthusiasm and everywhere an air of confidence. Mr. Cummings' explanation of what the national committee is doing in the way of organization proved a real incentive to the party work."

"I am sure, and I believe we will have a formidable organization in Connecticut in a short time. Things look exceptionally bright for a big Democratic victory."

The committee voted to hold the state convention at New Haven on Sept. 19 and 20. Former Congressman Thomas L. Kelly, of Meriden, will be temporary chairman.

**Navy Dept. Praises
Sailors For Valor**

Washington, Aug. 25.—In an official statement today the navy department paid tribute to the valor of the fire and engine crew of the destroyer Terry, who braved death to save their ship when she struck a reef on the Dominican coast several months ago. The Terry finally went down in shoal water but will be raised and brought to Norfolk yard for repairs.

Secretary Daniels has written letters of commendation to John J. Kennedy and Frank E. Shute, chief machinist mates; Michael Grims, chief water tender, and Curt McAvoy, fireman.

Kennedy and Shute were in charge of the engines and with the water rising to their waists stayed at their posts as long as there was steam to turn over the engines.

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**Boy Covered With
Bruises, Father Is
Held For Assault**

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Samuel F. Pryor, Vice President and General Manager, Enters Reorganization of Thomas B. Jeffery Co. to Pave Way For New Plans of the Great Arms Manufactory Here.

John C. Stanley, Purchasing Agent of U. M. C. Plant, to Take on Added Responsibilities in Purchasing Department, Also is President of A. & B. Mfg. Co., Now Controlled By the Dodge Interests.

With the entrance of Samuel F. Pryor, vice president and general manager of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., into a commanding place in the reorganization of the Thomas B. Jeffery Co. of Kenosha, Wis., it became known here today that the owners of the vast war munitions plant have practically completed plans for the utilization of the great new factories here, as the demand for war subsidies, in the automobile industry.

Mr. Pryor is the active head of all the Remington manufactories, of which Marcellus Hartley Dodge is the president and practically the sole owner. Mr. Pryor, formerly a dominant figure in the hardware business, of late years has been prominent in New York banking circles.

In the recent reorganization of the Thomas B. Jeffery Co., makers of both commercial and pleasure motor vehicles, Pryor took a leading part, and today it became known in local manufacturing circles that this is due to the plans of the Remington ownership to devote the great Bridgeport plant to the making of automobiles when the unprecedented contracts for foreign government war supplies run out.

One of the most interesting details of the extension of the Remington interests in this city is the preference of John C. Stanley, president of the board of police commissioners of this city, and the purchasing agent of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., branch of the local Remington interests, to the place of president of the American & British Mfg. Co.

The American & British Mfg. Co. plant of which is in East Bridgeport, near the Remington plants, now is controlled by the Remington interests. Mr. Stanley and other representatives of the Remington plant are directors, as a result of the reorganization of the American & British Mfg. Co. effected on Aug. 2. It became known today that Mr. Stanley is the president of the American & British Co., a fact that had escaped general notice in the myriad of unconfirmed rumors relative to the expansion and policies of the Remington plants.

That Mr. Stanley has been called upon to assume more extensive duties in the purchasing end of the local Remington plants also became known today.

The general purchasing agent of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., A. H. Meyerhoff, exercised supervision over both the Arms works and the U. M. C. plant. By Arms works purchase agent, Orville P. Palmer, formerly an assistant to Mr. Stanley in the U. M. C. plant. It is understood that Mr. Stanley has been called upon to take up wider duties.

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